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Cougars drop critical game.

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It was a patriotic day on Franklin st (Staff Photo by Noreen Murphy)

Mrs Boudreau's fourth grade class, Brackett School, has created a bulletin board of the names and pictures of the 52 Americans. Each child has pinned a personel American, who they will be rooting and watching for from now on. We worked together and made yellow bows for each of the school windows to show that we hope that they return in good health and mind. We also have personel bows to show that the children of Brackett School also care!

By: The children of Mrs Boudreau's fourth grade class

Arlington Welcomes Hostages Home

School children, town employees and church members joined residents in welcoming the release of the American hostages in Iran and their return to the U.S.

During the past week, since their release on Jan. 20, Arlingtonians, spontaneously and with some planning, welcomed the hostages.

Last Tuesday at noon the town flags were raised to full staff. Among the churches that rang their bells to greet the news of the release were Calvary United Methodist and First Parish Unitarian Universalist.

An ecumenical thanksgiving service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wednesday. Rector Rev. Arthur McAskill led the service, which was attended by about 150 persons including the Town Manager and representatives of the Board of Selectmen.

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HOSTAGE PROJECT—Fourth graders at the Brackett School remembered the American hostages with a special bulletin board project. From the left are Paul McPhail, Teresa Minton, Debbie Delmore, Jessica Neylon, Lynne O'Connell, Meredith Mahoney, Patricia Donovan, John Wilson, Patrick Toomey, Alison Donovan, Kristen Neville, Lisa Day, David Brown and principal Vito Sammarco and teacher Audrey Boudreau. (Photo by Noreen Murphy)

Youngest Bride Is 16, Oldest 67

Births, Deaths Up In '80

The number of births of Arlington residents rose in 1980, the first increase after a steady decline during the past decade.

There were 433 births in 1980 compared to 371 in 1979, an increase of 62 more babies. Looking at the past decade shows the following statistics:

1970, 723
1971, 642
1972, 578
1973, 458
1974, 492
1975, 432
1976, 417
1977, 407
1978, 399
1979, 371
1980, 433

Of the babies born in 1980, 207 were males and 226 were females. The year before that more males than females were born.

In 38 instances, both parents were born in foreign countries. In four instances both parents were born in Arlington and for 49 babies, one parent was born in Arlington. In the majority of cases, 296, both parents were born elsewhere.

The number of marriages recorded in the Town Clerk's office for 1980 was 359, a drop of 188 from the 547 marriages in 1979.

The oldest bridegroom was 66 and the oldest bride was 67. The age of the youngest bridegroom was 17 and the age of the youngest bride was 16.

More weddings were performed in May, followed in popularity by June and October.

The least popular month for weddings was December.

For the majority of couples, it was the first marriage. Seventy-three men and 63 women were married for the second time; nine men and five women were married for the third time; and two men and one woman were entering into their fourth marriages.

With the exception of 1980, the number of marriages has remained steady in the past 25 years. From 1950 to 1979, the numbers of marriages ranged from 500 to 604.

The number of deaths recorded in Arlington, 686, was up from the last six years. In 1975 there were 628 deaths, 638 in 1976, 564 in 1977, 592 in 1978 and 622 in 1979.

More men, 349, than woman, 337, died in 1980. More women died in October and July and more men passed away in February and December.

The majority of men and women who died were between the ages of 60 and 90, but there were seven deaths under the age of one. Sixty-eight people were passed the age of 90.

Twenty-five Proposals Submitted For \$1.5 Million In Federal Grants

With \$1.2 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available for the next fiscal year, the last the town will be funded, proposals totalling about \$1.5 million were made Monday night.

Twenty-five projects were proposed for funding, ranging from a solar-energy demonstration and historical plaques, to a senior center and citizen task forces.

The Selectmen and Town Manager are the granting authority for the federal funds. Unless Congress amends the law, Arlington will not get any more funds after next year because its population has dropped below 50,000 in the federal census.

An advisory steering committee composed of Town Meeting members will review the proposals at two meetings. On Feb. 9 the manager and Selectmen will decide how they will allocate the funds. Their decisions will be announced at a Feb. 23 hearing. On Feb. 27 the town will submit the application for funding to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

The proposals in the order in which they were made are:

- \$54,197 for the position of Economic Development Coordinator, supplies and secretary
- \$54,956 for Dial-a-Ride Taxi. The town pays \$2 per in-town ride, while elderly pay 60 cents. The charge is subject to competitive bidding and is expected to go up to \$2.80, with the town paying \$2.40.

Harry McCabe, speaking for the Council on Aging, said 1188 different people used the service last year for an average of 430 rides a week.

—\$4200 in new funds to be added to \$9000 balance for adult day health care scholarships. McCabe said the health center's rate is \$16 a day. The scholarship, for any disabled resident over age 18 who is not covered by Medicaid, would be for a maximum of three days a week

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Selectman Ask For Speed Traps

Selectmen showed their concern about Mass. ave. pedestrian accidents and fatalities by asking the Community Safety Dept. to use speed traps on the avenue, study the speed allowed on the avenue, and look into getting sodium lights.

Last week the board asked the safety department to look at the avenue from Mystic and Pleasant sts. to Grove st., looking at traffic signals and pedestrian problems in those blocks.

The matter was brought to a head two weeks ago when a pedestrian crossing the avenue at the Stop and Shop was seriously injured during the Selectmen's meeting. The board learned of the accident that night. Last year five persons were killed on the avenue.

Selectman Robert Havern suggested that the town try to get Urban Systems or Community Development Block grant funds for some brighter sodium lights for parts of the avenue.

The board also voted to ask the police to conduct some speed traps, day and night, to get drivers to slow down, as well as reviewing the allowed speed. The posted speed is 30 mph for the entire length of the road.

Safety Officer Joseph Steele has been meeting with elderly groups to talk about street safety, particularly emphasizing how to safely cross streets at night or on dark days.

Steele suggests that any pedestrian wear bright clothing at night. He feels that some pedestrians are at fault for accidents because they wear dark clothing and challenge motorists.

Steele advises residents that they should not assume that cars can "stop on a dime." Because of the weight of the car pushing it, a car in good repair with four-wheel brakes should be able to stop in 25 feet if it is going 20 mph.

At 30 mph the car needs 56 feet. At 40 mph the car should stop in 100 feet.

Steele advises drivers to make sure their windows are clean so that they can easily see and to pay attention as they drive.

To both operators and pedestrians he says, "Please be a little more careful. Stay alert, remember things aren't what they used to be. There are a lot more cars and people out walking and driving now, so please, call of us be a little more cautious."

Marquis Blasts Gov. King On State Spending Level

What became known about Gov. Edward King's budget when it was reported in Boston newspapers Tuesday has made Town Manager Donald Marquis more determined not to let up on the effort which he is leading across the state to force state officials to hold spending at the current fiscal year level.

The new state budget was described in The Globe as "frugal"; however, the amount King proposed is \$6.39 billion. Last year he proposed \$5.886 billion; the legislature passed \$5.931 billion; and the administration will file a deficit budget that will bring the actual current year's budget up to \$6.12 billion.

Arlington does not have the luxury of filing a deficit budget or overspending its appropriations. At this point school and town officials are holding off action on new budgets in light of Proposition 2.5 until they have some idea what the state charges and revenues shown on the Cherry Sheet will be.

The Cherry Sheet, by state law, is supposed to be out by March 1, however, Boston newspaper accounts referred to several months of legislative deliberations expected before King's budget becomes law on July 1. Marquis says "all indications are that we will not see it until July 1."

The Governor's budget, which last year level-funded state aid, this year shows an increase of \$37 million in aid for all cities and towns. Those communities under Proposition 2.5 will be losing \$500 million in revenues.

The manager says there is no alternative but additional local aid in order for communities to implement Proposition 2.5. He is a leader in the effort to force the state to hold its budgets.

More than 100 communities have brought the state level-funding question to city councils or will go to town meetings for endorsement. On Monday night Arlington's legislators are expected to meet with Marquis and the Selectmen and he will ask them if they support level funding and if they would vote against the proposed state budget.

Marquis says there is no reason why the state can't hold its spending when the towns are cutting by 25-30 percent and the federal government plans a 10 percent cut.

If the state officials refuse to help cities and towns Marquis endorses a 1982 ballot question, similar to Proposition 2.5, only aimed at the state. He says it would be much tougher than the present proposal for level-funding.

"The message of 2.5 was that people wanted state as well as local governments to cut. The legislature does not believe that was the message, and the Governor obviously does not believe that was the message," says Marquis. "Until that is driven home by citizens and taxpayers, there will be a ballgame on Beacon Hill."

One aspect of Proposition 2.5 which some communities are just starting to

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Videotape Of Stolen Goods To Be Shown

There may be a possibility that items stolen from Arlington homes are among the valuables recovered last month when Wellesley police raided a house in that town.

Arlington police Insp. James Moran videotaped the recovered items and will show that tape this Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the station for interested residents who have been burglarized in recent months.

Police believe that the goods, which include silver pieces, jewelry, pocket watches, charm bracelets, TVs and stereos, were stolen from as far away as Gloucester. Half of the items remain unclaimed.

Town Hall Roundup

Warrant Articles

The numbering and arranging of warrant articles for the Annual and Special Town Meetings is being completed by the Selectmen's office this week. Executive Secretary Fred Pitcher says there are 112-113 regular articles and 12-13 special articles.

Coin Shop

Selectmen are processing the application for a second-hand dealer's license for Edward G. Tawa of Norfolk-Middlesex Coin and Jewelry, 178 Mass. ave.

When asked about security in the store, Tawa, who operates other stores, said there would be an alarm system. To discourage problems he said he would pay by check, not cash, and would keep his inventory low.

Street Acceptance

Residents on private ways which will be presented to Town Meeting for acceptance will be advised by letter from the Town Counsel and Town Engineer that there may be problems getting the necessary engineering work done for Town Meeting action.

Selectmen last week decided to put in the Special Town Meeting Warrant the article for appropriation of funds for the engineering study. In the annual warrant is the article for acceptance of the streets.

Town Engineer Charles Rinciari said he would have a problem getting the studies completed in time for Town Meeting action on acceptance if the \$15,000 appropriation for engineering work is approved.

He said that funds for engineering studies were not part of his budget this year in order to save funds when street plans are done at town expense, then abutters at the hearing or Town Meeting reject the acceptance of the street.

The board ended up voting that the process and time constraints should be relayed to the abutters, rather than agreeing to not go ahead with the two article-two Town Meeting plan. Some members feel that with fiscal problems, the Finance Committee and Town Meeting will not want to spend money to rebuild streets.

Rink Personnel

Selectmen have approved a request to ask the Finance Committee for transfer of \$14,685 to pay skating rink personnel. In the past CETA workers held the jobs. Recreation Director Dan Brosnan

assured Selectmen that the sports center is self-supporting. He said the center made \$23,000 profit last year and was \$15,000 ahead of last year now. Much of the increased revenue was due to the roller skating program, he said.

He said he assumes the rates will go up next a little next year to cover increased personnel and electricity costs.

The center is open for 120 hours a week. A minimum of two people staff it.

Swearing-in

Due to the lack of attendance by town officers and their families, the League of Women Voters, which co-sponsors the annual swearing-in program with the Selectmen, is questioning whether the program should be changed or discontinued.

LWV President Chris Recher said the league will do a program this year, but questions the expenditure of time and money for a poorly-attended program. Each year new Town Meeting members and other officeholders are invited to be sworn-in at a program which has a guest speaker and is followed by refreshments. Selectmen then review warrant articles after the program.

Tentative date for the program this year is March 11. Mrs. Recher said the league hopes to get a well-known speaker who would help attendance.

It was suggested that the Moderator be contacted for his views and that someone try to find out if candidates are interested in the program. Another idea is to hold the program before the first session of Town Meeting begins.

Pleasant St.

The Community Safety Dept. is being asked by Selectmen to look into alternative routes for tractor trailer trucks which cut through Arlington on their way to Woburn and that area.

In a memo concerning Pleasant st., Police Services Director John Carroll said that the Registry did not think Pleasant st. had a volume of trucks and over-weight problems to make spot checking with portable equipment cost efficient. The equipment is used to find violations, not to curb use of a roadway.

Carroll said there appears to be no suitable alternate route to Pleasant st. Selectmen agreed that there may not be an alternative route for in-town trucks, but want the department to see if it can do something about through-town trucking.



POND skating is available to residents at Menotomy Rocks Park. Jessica Erdman-Sager and her father Tony Sager try it out. The town maintains the ice, lights the pond and posts it when the surface is not safe. (Photo by Nancy Rezendes)

February 9

Panel To Address Schools, Prop. 2

Long and short-term changes in the Arlington school system were the topics of a recent meeting of School Committee Member Kathleen Dias, Stratton School Principal Bernard Walsh, and Ray Bohn, Director of Special Education. The trio will discuss the impact of Proposition 2.5 on the Arlington public school system at 7:30 on Feb. 9 in the Central School.

Parents and all interested persons are invited to attend.

When asked about the severity of the budget cut, Mrs. Dias says that because the state Department of Revenue has not decided whether it will accept Arlington's interim property valuation, the exact amount of the cut is still unknown, but that "it will either be 3 million or 1 million."

As a result several versions of the 1981-82 school budget are being prepared. Adds Mrs. Dias "I think we should go with the interim valuation if, in fact, it is the level that we will all be taxed at in one year."

Change is inevitable according to Mrs. Dias. "Usually change is more gradual, but hopefully we will be able to adapt the educational program in Arlington."

Walsh explains that teachers will have to meet the challenge of these new expectations. He articulates the sentiments of some of his more experienced faculty members.

"Twenty years ago we taught our own art, math, reading, music, and physical education. We knew how to read music and we taught the children how to read music, so we start all over again. We did it then, and we'll do it again."

Walsh attributes some of the anxiety connected with the restructuring of programs to the fact that teachers have had the benefit of support services for remediation and in the ancillary areas of curriculum. The latter, which includes art, music, and physical education, is targeted for severe budget cuts in the coming year.

Walsh says that some of the teachers are concerned about special needs programming. "We're better at

diagnosing children's problems (than we were 20 years ago) and we have more expertise in the area of...learning disabilities...But who (will provide) the individualized instruction for these kids?"

Ray Bohn concurs that educational programs and techniques of 20 years ago provide a basis for the new form of education, but points out that "the whole social structure has changed" and that people's expectations are different from those held 20 years ago.

Asked to interpret the mandate of Proposition 2.5 as it applies to education, Mrs. Dias notes the declining percentage of the voting constituency that has a vested interest in education. "When enrollments were growing, the commitment on the part of the public to education was also growing...Not only did (the public) want to fund advanced placement math, they also wanted to fund physical education at the elementary level."

"Now there are going to be more difficult choices. And where some of their philosophical differences lay dormant for a long time during this growth, some of them are going to surface now...2.5 has to change the philosophy (of education) to some extent."

She also cites the fact that many supporters of 2.5 anticipated that the state legislature would act to correct some of the problems. Instead, she says, there is a lot of confusion within the legislature about the intent of the voters who passed the bill. "Supporters expected to be fighting about the level of correction, not about whether there would be correction."

Walsh sees a refreshing of education and "a lot of imaginative ideas." Mrs. Dias agrees. "Change generates its own sort of growth in education, growth because there's a new enthusiasm about it." Even if the budget is reduced by 3 million, "education still has to go on. We might as well go in with a positive attitude and say we're going to try the best we can, because the alternate is too painful, especially for us as parents."

The three speakers will present the latest information in changes in curriculum at the secondary level, elementary level, and in the area of special education, respectively, on the night of Feb. 9. Earl Avery from the Division of Social Services will talk about the need for effective parental input in the educational process.

Says Kathleen McNeil, president of the Parents Advisory Committee, "It's important for parents to know how they can be heard on the local level." The Parents Advisory Committee for Children with Special Needs is sponsoring the program.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at 7, and the panel will open the presentation at 7:30. A snow date has been set for Feb. 23.

Children's Council To Host Legislators

Area legislators have been invited to attend the next meeting of the Mystic Valley Council for Children on Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

This meeting, which will be held in the First Congregational Church, Winchester, will be an opportunity for citizens to discuss with their legislators policy and legislative issues concerning children.

Topics will include Chapter 766, day care services, the possible restructuring of the human service agencies and the effects of Proposition 2.5.

The Mystic Valley Council for Children is a volunteer organization consisting of people who live or work in Arlington, Burlington, Lexington, Wilmington, Winchester, or Woburn and are concerned about children's issues.

All are invited to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Francine Crystal, community representative, at 729-4350.

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FEDERAL GRANT — Reimbursement of \$74,243 which the town has spent for playground improvements is presented to Arlington recreation officials by Joel A. Lerner, center front. In the back row are Glenn Fratto, Daniel O'Brien and Mike Wright. In the front, Bernice Jones, Lerner, Beryl Langer and Don Vitters.

Reimbursement

Arlington Receives \$74,243 For Playground Improvement Costs

Members of Arlington's Recreation Facilities Committee recently received a \$74,243 check from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Services (HCRS), a federal agency established to foster the development of recreational facilities in urban settings. This amount covers one-half the costs of improvements of Robbins Farm, Florence and Magnolia Playgrounds.

Joel A. Lerner, director of the Division of Conservation Services for the Commonwealth, and his assistant, Daniel O'Brien, representing HCRS, came to Arlington to deliver the check personally. On hand to receive the check were representatives of the committee: Bernice Jones, Beryl Langer, Don Vitters, as well as Mike Wright, Director of Properties and Natural Resources and Glenn Fratto of the Town Manager's Office.

During the past six years the town has spent approximately one million to improve park and recreation facilities, with about 50 percent reimbursable to the town by HCRS. The Recreation Facilities Committee, an eight-member group of citizens appointed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, has been the force behind the improvement program.

Town Manager Donald R. Marquis

says this committee and its goals are "one of the town's most successful programs." According to Marquis, "providing recreational facilities for the town residents is a high priority."

He sees the financial assistance of the HCRS, funneled through the state Division of Conservation Services, as "an example of what can be accomplished when all levels of government cooperate in a worthwhile pursuit."

This past summer improvements

St. Agnes School Plans Open House

The faculty and students of St. Agnes Elementary School announce the observance of Catholic Schools' Week, Monday through Friday. The theme for this year is "Choosing a Tradition—Catholic Schools."

Open House for parents of kindergarten children will be from 9-11 a.m.; 1:15-2:20 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Parents of children in Grades 1-8 may visit from 9-11 a.m. and from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Dietician To Talk

Of Nutrition, Diet On Wednesday Night

On Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m., Symmes Hospital's Community Health Education Program invites the public to hear Elizabeth McCarty discuss the essential nutrients needed for a well balanced diet. The program will take place at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington Center.

She will present new dietary guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health. In addition, she will discuss labeling products with nutritional information for consumer evaluation, and a summary of general nutritional terms.

Mrs. McCarty is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, and did post graduate work in public health nutrition at the University of Toronto. She has been a therapeutic dietitian at Symmes since 1966.

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FinCom Warrant Hearings Set For Jan. 31, Feb. 2

The first series of hearings on warrant articles have been scheduled by the Finance Committee. Hearings will be held in the Town Yard Meeting Room on Grove st., rather than in the Town Hall Hearing Room as in years past.

Under the town by-laws, the Finance Committee has the duty to consider all appropriation articles. The committee may choose to consider other articles, except zoning articles, which do not seek an appropriation.

Sponsors of articles have been notified of the hearing times. Proponents and opponents who wish to appear before the committee should contact Executive Secretary Richard E. Smith, 30 Washington st., to ensure that sufficient time be allowed for presentations.

Since changes in the announced schedule are sometimes necessary, anyone other than sponsors who intends to appear should verify the times with Smith.

If written material will be prepared it is advised that 22 copies be submitted to Smith in advance so that members can review it. Proponents should be prepared to provide estimates of costs and to explain how figures were arrived at.

The schedule for Saturday:

9:15 - Articles 26, 27, 64 and 65 and Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the special warrant. Submitted by Town Treasurer regarding town financial matters and bookkeeping.

10:15 - Art 85, increase in fines for consumption of alcoholic beverages in public.

10:30 - Art 79, regarding the Youth Consultation Center.

11 - Art 59, Mystic Valley Mental Health expenses.

11:15 - Art 56, expenses of Council on Aging.

11:30 - Art 57, rental of Council on Aging facilities.

11:45 - Art 67, expenses of Christmas Lighting Committee.

12 - Art 80, Avenue of Flags.

1 - Art 60, expenses of Conservation Commission.

1:15 - Art 96, flood control.

1:30 - Art 61, expenses of Historical Commission.

1:45 - Art 62, expenses of Broadway Historic District Committee.

2 - Art 110, cemetery lots and graves fund.

2:15 - Art 109, cost of quarters for WW I Veterans.

2:30 - Art 17, salary increase for firefighters.

2:45 - Art 18, longevity increase for firefighters.

3 - Art 55, expenses of Capital Budget Committee.

3:15 - Art 71, Minuteman Regional School budget.

3:30 - Art 42, addition of alcohol education director to classification plan.

The schedule for Monday:

8:15 - Art 91, service contracts.

8:30 - Art 81, by-law amendment deleting requirement of stenographic record of Town Meeting.

8:45 - Art 93, increases in certain fees.

9 - Articles 47-53, 77, 100-102, 107-108, and Art. 6 of the Special Town Meeting, dealing with streets and other town facilities, to be discussed with the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer.



FIREFIGHTERS accompany the funeral procession for Capt. Joseph Allosso who was buried Saturday. Fire Services Director Warren French says the honor guard at the funeral home and the funeral procession was planned by the men as an expression of their feeling for Captain Allosso who retired after 32 years with the Arlington department. French said Mr. Allosso "would do anything for anybody. He was enjoyable to be with."

Revaluation Firm Lists More Streets

More streets have been listed by the J.M. Clemmishaw Company for revaluation. Listers for the company will be visiting the following streets in the next two weeks:

Aerial rd., Apache trail, Arrowhead lane, Beck rd., Blossom st., Bow st., Brand st., Brattle ct., Brattle lane, Brattle st., Brattle terrace, Candia st., Carl rd., Chatham st., Cherokee rd., Charles st., Christine rd., Clark st., Country Club dr. and Crawford st.

Also Dickson ave., Edmund rd., Epping st., Fabyan st., Forest st., Fox Meadow lane, Fraser rd., Gay st., Gorham st., Governor rd., Greeley circle, Greenwood rd., Hemlock st., Hiawatha lane, Hobbs court, Hodge rd., Hutchinson rd., King st., Laurel st., Lantern lane, Lennon rd., Locke st., Longmeadow rd. and Lowell st.

Also Mass. ave., Martin st., Mead rd., Melvin rd., Mill lane, Moccasin path, Morningside dr., Mountain ave., Old Colony rd., Oldam rd., Old Middlesex path, Overlook rd., Pawnee dr., Peter Tufts rd., Peirce st., Pheasant ave., Pine st., Proprietor's way, Quinn rd., Ridge st., Rockaway lane, Ronald rd., and Ryder st.

These streets will also be inspected: Stone rd., Summer st., Sunset rd., Sunset rd. extension, Teresa circle, Tomahawk st., Tower rd., Thorn rd., Washington st., Wheeler lane, Wigwam circle, Winchester st., Windmill lane and Yerxa rd.

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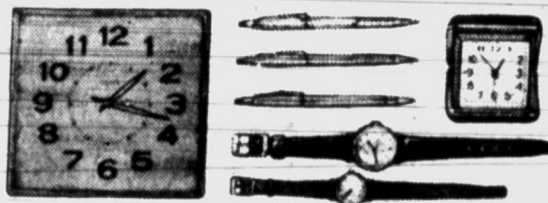
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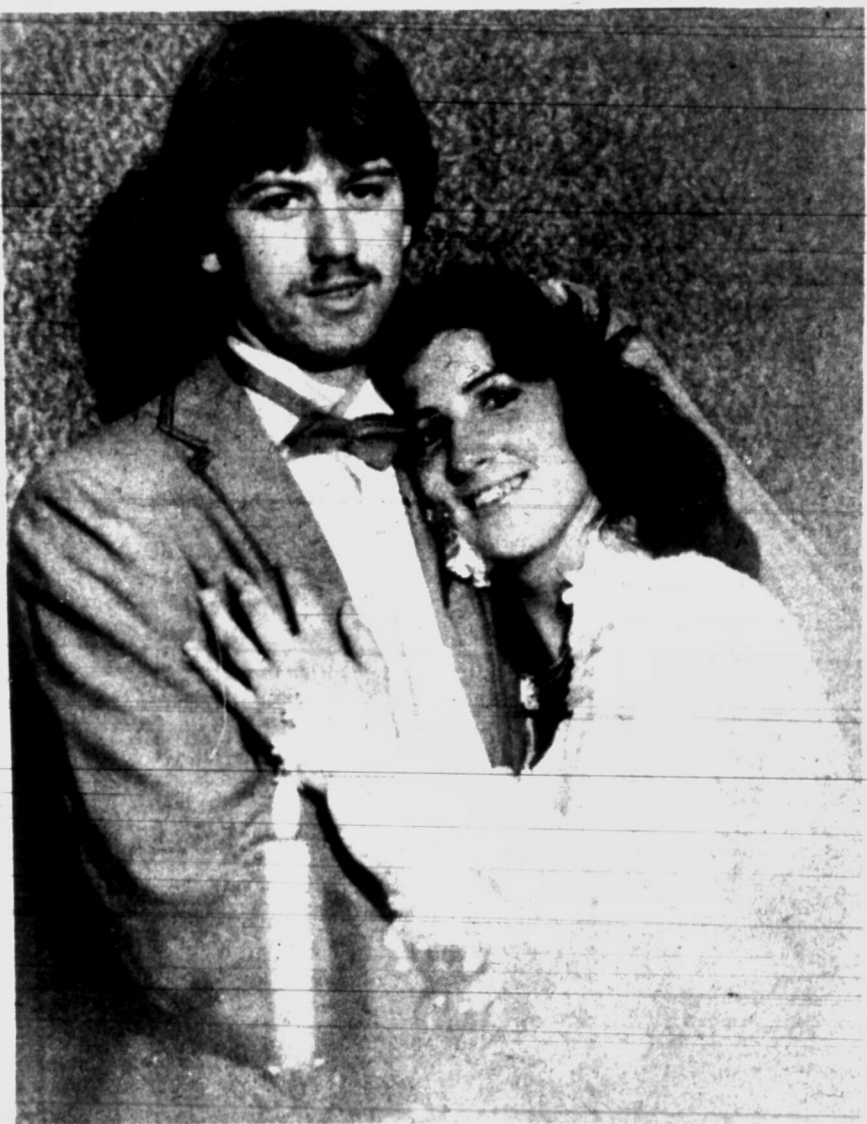
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MARRIAGE — Nancy Marie Funari and Timothy Michael Cooney were united in marriage at Sacred Heart Church, Watertown. The reception following the ceremony was held at the Lexington Elks. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Edith Funari of Watertown. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Cooney of Arlington. The bride was attended by Barbara Brennan as maid of honor, Mary Ann and Sheila Cooney, sisters of the bridegroom; Barbara and Marie Funari, sisters-in-law of the bride; and Regina Ryan. Best man was John Fischer. Ushers were Donald and Paul Funari, brothers of the bride, Richard Labbe, Philip Robichaud, and Paul Johnston. The bride is a graduate of Belmont High School and is employed by Raytheon Company in Waltham. Her husband is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and is employed by Howard Johnson Company as a restaurant manager in Boston. The couple is living in Waltham following a trip to Hyannis, Cape Cod.

Gwen B. Davidson Bride Of Bruce William Morrison

Winchester Country Club was the setting for the Jan. 16 marriage of Gwen B. Davidson to Bruce William Morrison.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kirby Davidson of 90 Hutchinson rd. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Morrison of Melrose.

Justice of the Peace Thomas Begley of Arlington officiated at the double ring, candlelight service in the front parlor of the club.

Cynthia Davidson of Beverly rd., the bride's sister-in-law, was matron of honor.

James Lane of Melrose was best man. Greg Davidson of Arlington and Gordon Davidson of Palo Alto, Calif., brothers of the bride, were ushers for the wedding. A reception and dinner following the ceremony was held in the president's room.

The couple cruised from Miami to St. Thomas for the honeymoon and are making their home in Arlington.

Mrs. Morrison is a graduate of Arlington High School and Stanford University. She is office manager at

Guarente Son

Tom and Janice Guarente of Renfrew st. announce the birth of their son, Thomas A. Guarente Jr., on Dec. 29 at Waltham Hospital. "T.J." has two sisters, Lynn, 4, and Suzanne, 2 and a half. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guarente of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Dennis, formerly of Arlington, and John Mulligan of Arlington. Great-grandmother is Lucine Smillie of Arlington.

Timmins Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Timmins Jr. of Arlington announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Leo, on Jan. 3, at Mt. Auburn Hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Timmins Sr. of Brighton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard T. Duffy of Cambridge.



Davidson Chevrolet Co. Inc. in Malden. Her husband is a graduate of Salem State College and is manager of the Dedham Country and Polo Club in Dedham.

Ann M. Keffe Engaged To Wed Lawrence DiPalma

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Keffe of Woburn, formerly of Arlington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Lawrence DiPalma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DiPalma of Woburn.

Miss Keffe is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and Bentley College. She is the business manager of SSS Inc. of Burlington. Her fiancé is a graduate of Brookline High School and Northeastern University. He is employed by Digital Corp. in Maynard.

An April 26 wedding is planned.

Jo-Anne Moran Is Engaged To Gordon H. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. James V. Moran of Arlington announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo-Anne, to Gordon H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith of Pembroke.

Miss Moran attended Aquinas Junior College and is employed by Digital Equipment Corp. Her fiancé also works for Digital.

They plan an April wedding.

Whitfield 1st

Mr. and Mrs. William Whitfield of Whitman announce the birth of their first child, William John Jr., at Richardson House, Boston Lying-In Hospital, on Dec. 29. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sartelle of 166 Franklin st. and Mr. and Mrs. William Whitfield of Brockton. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fritz of Everett and Mrs. Mary Whitfield of Oklahoma.

Sparacino 1st

Mr. and Mrs. George Sparacino announce the birth of their first child, George II, on Jan. 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kelley of 93 Sylvia st. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparacino in Saugus.

Mitrano Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Biagio S. Mitrano of Medford are the parents of Jeanine Elaine who was born at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital on Jan. 14. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Brown of 14 Gray circ.

Simard Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Simard of Arlington announce the birth of their son, Neil Robert, on Dec. 25, at Mt. Auburn Hospital.



Miss McGaffigan, Edward F. Tarr To Wed In June

Mr. and Mrs. John F. McGaffigan of Woburn and Scituate announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Anne, to Evan Farrell Tarr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Tarr of Arlington and Rockport.

Miss McGaffigan is a graduate of Lesley College, and is a special needs teacher in the Woburn public schools.

Mr. Tarr, a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology, is employed by GenRad in Concord.

A June wedding is planned.

Leary 1st Child

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Leary announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Shannon Ruth, born on Christmas Eve at the Waltham Hospital. Grandmother is Ruth M. Casalou of Arlington.

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Marcella Smith National Theater Semi-Finalist

Arlington High School senior Marcella Smith, a semi-finalist in the National Arts Recognition and Talent Search Program, was in Princeton, N.J., last week to audition as a national finalist.

Miss Smith was one of 31 students chosen nationally to compete in the Theatre Division of the competition which is sponsored by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, the organization that administers the College Board Examination.



Marcella Smith

The arts program was begun several years ago because the testing service felt that students in the arts should receive recognition as students with academic achievements do through the National Merit Scholar program.

According to Miss Smith, 303 students applied nationally for the theater competition. She said a detailed application and a four-minute videotape were required of applicants. The judging of the tapes was done by college-level theater teachers. Miss Smith credits Frank

Roberts of the Arlington High School performing arts staff with helping her choose the two selections that she performed and helping her get ready for the audition.

As a semi-finalist, she flew to Princeton at ETS expense to do her four-minute audition live. She and the others were also judged on the basis on improvisation, theater games and an interview.

On Feb. 1 the service will send out letters announcing which of the semi-finalists have been chosen as finalists.

Colleges have already been notified about the selection of the semi-finalists. Scholarship grants are expected for the finalists.

Miss Smith is a member of the AHS Drama Club, Madrigal Singers, Harmonaires, Concert Orchestra and Gilbert and Sullivan Assn.

She was a member of the cast of "The Serpent," the Arlington High drama production which was first place winner of the Mass. High School Drama Festival. She has had leads in dramatic and musical productions at school and has been a member of the Northeast District and All State Chorus.

Miss Smith also plays the piano and cello and studies voice and dance. In March she will be a guest artist with "The Copacetic," nationally known dance group when they appear in Boston.

Right now Miss Smith is applying to colleges. She expects to go into musical theater, and has gotten a lot of exposure to that already through the Arlington High programs, where her father, Andrew Smith, directs the musical aspects of the performances. Her mother is also a musician.



BAKING WINNERS in the Robbins Library baking contest are Sheri Carter with kitchen sink brownies, Cal Kenney with no-bake grasshopper pie, Kristen Carter and cinnamon coffee cake, G.J. Toolan and angel cake, Janice McClure with butterscotch squares and Richard Campbell with suet oatmeal cookies.

CPR Course Is Set At Symmes

In recognition of February as Heart Month, Symmes Hospital has scheduled a class in Basic Rescue Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation CPR.

Evening classes will be held on Feb. 4, 11, and 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Residence Building.

No previous training is required for applicants. CPR is an emergency skill which combines artificial respiration (mouth to mouth breathing) and artificial circulation (chest massage) and can be used for victims of sudden cardiac arrest due to heart attack, electrocution,

smoke inhalation, drowning and other types of accidents.

For those who have already taken the course and wish to maintain their certification, a four-hour recertification class will take place on Feb. 23, from 7 to 11.

The fee for Basic CPR is \$13.50, which covers the cost of materials, use of equipment, and instruction by certified instructors. The charge for recertification is \$6. To register for either course, call the Community Relations Office at Symmes.

2 Arrested For Larceny

A Somerville juvenile and 18-year-old male were arrested Friday in connection with stolen items from the White Hen Pantry, 94 Summer st.

Arrested on charges of larceny over \$100 were George Vondoros and the juvenile. Officer James McHugh observed the males on Mill st. and also recovered a case with 25 cartons of cigarettes.

An 18-year-old Somerville male was sentenced Thursday to the House of Correction for unauthorized use of a car, possession of burglarious tools and wanton damage.

Edward Nugent, 18, was given two one-year sentences to be served concurrently by Judge Lawrence Feloney.

Nugent was arrested Jan. 8, 1980, by Insp. James Moran after a car chase through Somerville that left three

cruisers and two parked cars damaged. Nugent and another 18-year-old male were spotted stealing a 1974 Pontiac from Brattle dr. shortly before 2 a.m.

Police spotted the car on Mystic Valley Parkway and chased it up Powderhouse blvd. in Somerville. Police said when the car approached Powderhouse and North st. it slowed down as if to stop and then spun around and came back at the cruisers, crunching the fenders.

Police made four drunken driving arrests this week, including the arrest of a 20-year-old Arlington male for operating under and possession of marijuana at Mass. ave. and Forest st. on Sunday about 11:30 p.m. Police also arrested a 42-year-old Franklin man on drunk driving charges after he struck a parked car on Mystic st. on Saturday.



MIMI JONES is the name of this group composed of Michelle Willson, Nan and Jackie Ciano. They will give a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church to benefit the church's rebuilding fund. The group performs in Boston area cafes and coffee houses.

Fire Safety Talk

Gerald Kelliher, education officer for the Belmont Fire Department, will speak on "Fire Safety in the Home" at the next Santa Maria Community Health Program on Feb. 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Smokers Program

Smokers Anonymous, a non-profit organization, is coming to Mt. Auburn Hospital. A 10-week seminar will start Feb. 2 at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 275-6437.

Divorce Talk

The Divorce Resource and Mediation Center, at 2464 Mass. ave. in North Cambridge, will present a lecture on "Dealing With Children During and After Separation" on Feb. 4.

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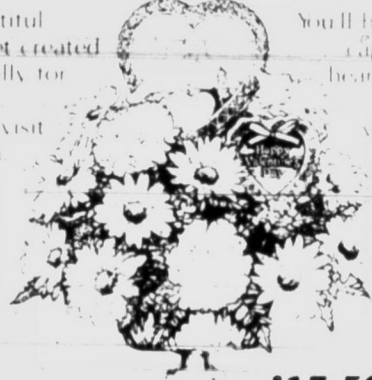
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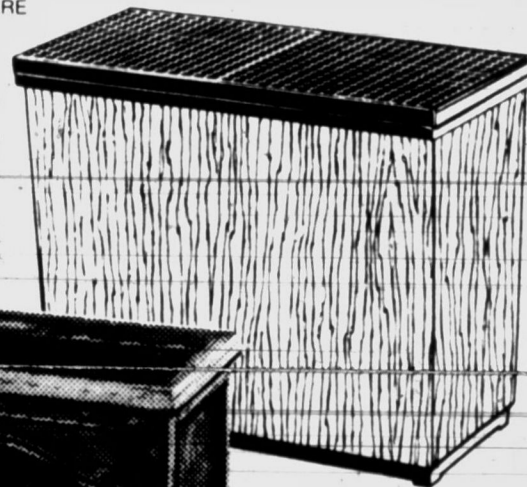
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The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 29, 1981

Collins' Corner

By Leonard Collins

Bad News



January, 1981, in many respects will go down in history as a very busy and historical month with the inauguration of our new president, and the world news of the release of the hostages. Perhaps for the first time the swearing in of the Commander in Chief was seen by millions but the 52 prisoners being freed, really topped all news items.

One fact that most Americans were very pleased with was the new president sending Mr. Carter overseas to welcome those 52 free American citizens. It is a great gesture and brings all citizens to realize that we Americans can play a hard game, but can still never forget the 'town we live in.'

So we folks at home have seen some very newsy articles and headlines in all papers in every community in the country. So we here in Boston in reading the Boston papers Saturday saw great headlines telling all that the Red Sox centerfielder has been traded, and in this month of January that news and coverage ranks third in readers' interest, especially in the Red Sox area.

It was given great coverage and brings to the writer perhaps the greatest shocker in the sporting world, especially around Boston when in 1919 the headlines had only one news item and that was Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox traded to the New York Yankees.

Gloom settled all over New England and joy reigned in New York. Well, all folks that like sports followed the Babe for many years playing for the New York Yankees. The owner of the Red Sox, Mr. Frazee, was a musical comedy man and needed money to finance a show known as "No No Nanette."

And while we are on this 'sad' exit of Mr. Ruth, and seeing the prices being paid today, the story is told of Mr. Ruth asking in 1929 for a raise, so that his salary would be \$100,000 per year. He was told by the president of the ball club, that President Hoover only received \$75,000 a year and Ruth remarked that he had a better year than the President.

Yes, indeed, the year 1929 was one of our bad times in the United States, and the worst depression became part of the average American's vocabulary.

Now from the sublime to the sadness, the top front page news in The Advocate this week was the shocking story of the \$5,000 damage done by two 13-year-old students in the Junior High East. It was nice reading about the teachers and students helping to clean up the damage so that school could continue.

And the other article alongside that bit of depressing news was the statement of the Town Manager after his visit to our new high school, saying he was "shocked" at the damage seen on his trip through the school.

This week many citizens after reading The Advocate, are asking if a boy or girl, a juvenile, committed an adult act, why can't the citizens of the town be given names and then maybe neighbors all over town can be keeping a close watch on those so named. Many are not first offenders, and the "slap on the wrist" apparently does very little good. There must be a solution, and the public could help if they knew the real vandals who are certainly in the minority.

Many years ago a High School boy in company at recess with a dozen more, pulled in a false alarm on the box near the school. He finally confessed, and the principal of the high school, the chief of the fire department, and the police chief "sentenced" him to two hours' work a day for one week, polishing the fire apparatus in the two fire stations. All the students in town knew him, and a very embarrassed boy did the work, and became a fine citizen. And, by the way, his parents were 100 percent in favor of the "sentence." Their cooperation helped all the other "judges" in the punishment.

Ask The Ombudsman

Please refer questions to town Ombudsman Alberta Sills, 646-1775

Q. The No. 77 buses did not arrive on schedule several days last week. I waited from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 only to see a bus go by with "No Stops." We also heard that the 11:35 p.m. bus has been withdrawn and the 11:45 too full to accommodate all the passengers. We know the Town Manager is on the MBTA Advisory Board. What progress, if any, are we making with this problem?

A. At the urging of the manager, reports from the Ombudsman and citizen petitions, (one signed by 75 citizens), the Selectmen wrote a letter to Barry Locke last week expressing our concerns about uncertain schedules and declining services. In addition, the officials asked that our legislators, Senator Rotondi and Representatives Gibson and Cusack, attend their Selectmen's meeting on Monday to plan to discuss the status of the MBTA, as well as issues related to state aid and Proposition 2.5.

Guest Column

By Barbara E. Travers

Media And Children's Reading

The relationship between media (television and the movies) and reading has generated heated controversy for many years. There are those who believe that television has been a destructive force since its widespread acceptance. ("The Scientific American" recently reported the conclusions of a survey showing that almost 100 percent of American homes have at least one television. As you might anticipate, some homes have five or six sets.)

Even the children themselves are divided. "There's more action on T.V. and the movies." "The book is always best." These are typical responses of the children in grades 3 and 4 at the Brackett School when they were recently asked to answer a questionnaire. The school librarian developed the questionnaire to determine whether the experience of watching a story dramatized on television or on the movie screen significantly affects the interest of eight-and-nine-year-olds in reading the story itself.

In the first part of the questionnaire, the titles of eight movies and five television shows were presented to the children. These titles were dramatizations of books available at the library. The children were then asked to read the titles and check if they had read the book; if they had seen the movie or television show based on the book; or if they had read the book and seen the show based on the book.

The results showed that third and fourth graders attend movies only occasionally; about 60 percent of the children interviewed had seen just three of the eight movies listed. Seventy-two percent of the children interviewed, however, read five of the eight stories that were adapted for the movies. On the other hand, children are heavy television viewers. Ninety-eight percent of the children interviewed watched four of the five television dramatizations listed. But these same children (98 percent) had also read the books that television adapted.

This finding is interesting because it indicates that children are reading as well as watching the story on television. But are they reading the story before they see it on television or in the movies? Or are they reading the story after they see it on television or in the movies? When they see the story dramatized on television or in the movies, do they tell their friends that the book is in the library? And finally, what do they think are the differences between reading a book and seeing it on television or in the movies? These were the questions that made up part two of the questionnaire.

Each elicited thoughtful answers but the responses to the question about reading the book before or after they saw it on television or at the movies were particularly significant. About half of the children questioned preferred to read the book first. "I would know then if it is a good story." "I would know what it's about." "I like reading the story and then seeing the movie." The remainder preferred to read the book after they saw it on television or at the movies. "Yes, if I like the movie." "Yes, before I read the book I want to know what it's about." "Yes, because then it would be easier to read."

Three children admitted that they do not read the story at all: "because you already know what the story is about." "It's no fun reading a book when you know the ending." For the children who do not like to read, turning on the television set when they are bored is easier than reading a book. These are the children Marie Winn mentions in her book, "The Plug-In Drug." She believes that for these youngsters, television reduces the need to read.

What seems clear from this brief survey is that television can be

a positive influence on youngsters of this age if properly used. "Properly used" is the key word. The proper use of media does not supersede the child's desire to read. Media and children's reading are not mutually exclusive and this survey at the Brackett School strongly suggests that media can actually encourage reading. But, if television is to be a positive force in the learning process, then the role that parents play is crucial.

Parents should regulate television viewing so that their youngsters have both time and a place to read, especially during this age and younger when children are most receptive to teachers' and parents' suggestions. They should also be aware of what their children are watching, and, if possible, sit with them and discuss the show's content. If the show is based on a book, such as "Little House on the Prairie," suggest that the children take the book from the library to read; if the show is about a famous person like Madame Curie, for example, encourage them to discover more about her. Parents should also use television as an introduction to other skills such as listening and discussion.

The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) recently funded a project to demonstrate how teachers, students, and their families can use TV—(PTST Elementary Curriculum Project). The Public Broadcasting System has long provided study guides and learning aids for teachers and parents. At the Yale University Family Research and Consultation Center, Dr. Dorothy Singer, has developed a series of eight videotaped lessons called "Getting the Most out of TV," to teach children to be better viewers and to transfer this understanding to reading.

The Brackett School Survey offers encouraging signs that children make the transition from television to reading. Some children actually prefer the book to watching the show. "They change it a lot in the show and movies—so it is different than the book." "Sometimes the TV show does not give the whole story—the book does." "You can take more time with a book." However we interpret these results, it seems clear that television can be a powerful motivational force, which if used in conjunction with reading and library programs, brings an added dimension to reading by developing the imagery inherent in the story. This is exactly how both teachers and parents should consider television and reading: a powerful and far-reaching combination of words, images, and ideas.

But to maintain this desire in children to read as they get older, motivation must become an essential part of the process. Here we turn to a media source that is often ignored, but which can be ideal for older youngsters: radio. Only two children in the survey had heard of the "Spiders Web," although it began its tenth season this January as a weekly program on W.B.G.H. The "Spiders Web" features readings of books, stories and folktales by professional story tellers and actors. Its purpose is to introduce children to literature and to develop listening and language skills. It is another way for children to continue to develop their powers of imagination and create their own images and then to transfer this skill to reading.

As we conclude this brief discussion we can state that media and reading, far from being implacable foes, can be worthy and compatible allies in the development of a child's mind.

Barbara E. Travers is school librarian at Brackett School.

To The Editor

Letters Policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed on matters of interest to local readers. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. Monday. Letters should be typed and limited to 250 words. Names will be withheld on request. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

AHS Vandalism

TO THE EDITOR: I am shocked that the Town Manager, Mr. Marquis, is shocked at the damage done to the renovated part of Arlington High School. Mr. Marquis is a member of the Permanent Town Building Committee (PTBC), a committee which is responsible for the renovation at AHS. In the planning and early stages of the renovation, community members, teachers, and school administrators expressed their concern over the building design and materials to be used in the construction to the PTBC.

The PTBC members were told that the thickness of the walls would lend themselves to being damaged by the few students who delight in being destructive. The PTBC members were warned that the zig-zag pattern of some of the corridors would make them almost impossible to supervise.

It is well known that windows are broken on a regular basis at AHS (as well as other schools) since the school was built, especially on the Schouler Court side of the school. Yet the PTBC members allowed the installation of large glass "targets" which cost \$500-\$1000 to replace if broken.

The PTBC members did not only heed these warnings but actually chastised the people who pointed out these deficiencies in the plans. The PTBC must share some of the responsibility for the cost of this damage.

The old building "A" has yet to be renovated. Will sturdier walls be installed or has Mr. Marquis and the other members of the PTBC not learned from their lessons?

If you build a school which is easy to vandalize then you shouldn't blame the people who work in the building for the vandalism. If the PTBC members don't allow stronger walls to be installed in the yet to be renovated part of AHS then I question their wisdom.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen

Demolitions

TO THE EDITOR:

I am sick! I cannot believe that the School Committee plans to demolish the two houses which stand in front of Arlington High School just to landscape the area.

In this day and age of concern for fiscal responsibility, in light of the program cuts and staff reductions which will take place in this town because of Proposition 2.5, how in God's name can

they justify destroying property valued at over \$130,000 just for the planting of shrubs and grass? The two houses are on prime real estate and could easily be sold for over \$60,000 each. It will cost around \$10,000 just to demolish the structures.

I ask the members of the School Committee and the members of the Permanent Town Building Committee, "What are your priorities?" Programs will be cut, staff laid off because of Proposition 2.5. Is landscaping more important than educational programs for Arlington's young people?

Selling the houses will mean additional money for the school budget and yearly tax revenues for the town. Destroying them would mean the loss of programs and staff which would not take place if \$130,000 extra were in the budget and additional cost to the town for maintaining the property.

I ask the citizens of Arlington not to let the houses be destroyed. Express your concern to the Selectmen, to the Permanent Town Building Committee, and to the School Committee.

Sincerely
A resident

EDITOR'S NOTE: In response to this letter, Arthur Loud, chairman of the Permanent Town Building Committee, said the demolition of the two town-owned houses has been part of the high school renovation plan for years and knowledge of the demolition was presented as part of the plan at Town Meeting and at various board meetings.

Loud said the main purpose to landscaping the area where the two structures stand is to present "a full view of a nice-looking high school and to make it a focal point to the public driving along Mass. ave."

"This is consistent with the Planning Dept. concerns, consistent with the Conservation Commission concerns about green space and consistent with our view to be proud of the high school."

Loud said that as a taxpayer, he sympathized with looking for ways to increase revenue, but said he didn't think "this is the way to do it."

Loud noted that the cost of demolition, estimated to be \$5000 or less, is already figured into the general contract. Demolition is expected in the spring.

Sanding Truck

TO THE EDITOR:

Is this one example of how Arlington taxpayers' money is being used?

On Friday, Jan. 23, 1981, at approximately 7:30 p.m. I was driving east on Mass. ave. behind an Arlington Public Works sand truck, number 24, to be exact. This truck was releasing sand on a perfectly dry street on a beautiful starlit night.

I blew my horn several times and flashed my bright light beam off and on but to no avail. The truck continued releasing the sand until it reached the front of Jimmy's Steer House restaurant,

where the sand stopped pouring out momentarily.

Once we passed Jimmy's the sand started coming out again and continued until the Brattle Square intersection. Once again, the sand stopped. After passing the Brattle st. intersection, the truck went merrily on its way along Mass. ave., spreading the sand once again.

Would you know of any reason or explanation for these strange proceedings?

An Arlington resident and taxpayer.

EDITOR'S NOTE: DPW Director Dick Bowler says that the police asked the DPW to sand the avenue after cars going through the water at a broken water main on Mass. ave. left trails of ice.

The sanding was done from Paul Revere rd. to Jimmy's. The driver of the truck says he thought the sanding unit was turned off for the rest of the route.

Commuter Gripes

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 1 the MBTA plans to curtail services on the 700 bus line which runs from Burlington to Park Square, Boston, as well as eliminate all services on the Arlington bus line. Those of us who rely on the 700 bus service during rush hours are opposed to making Kendall Square the last stop on the Burlington to Boston run and the first stop on the Boston to Burlington run. Most of the riders during the rush hours go into Boston in the morning or leave from Boston in the evening.

Because the Red Line trains are so full by the time they reach Kendall Square, commuters would be unable to board a train just to go one or two stops.

The MBTA plans also to eliminate the 700 bus that leaves Government Center at 5:15 p.m. This bus is always filled to capacity; sometimes there are enough people to justify a second bus.

With deteriorating service on the Red Line and on the Arlington bus service to and from Harvard Square, the 700 bus service has become an adjunct service for Arlington citizens who want to get to and from Boston during rush hours. During these hours the 700 buses are always filled to capacity.

If the MBTA wants to cut service on the line, then it should eliminate the 700 buses that run after rush hours. These buses are usually empty or have few riders. Meanwhile, the MBTA should keep the rush hour service and retain the original Park Square-Burlington route and the 5:15 p.m. Government Center bus. The MBTA should think about running the Arlington buses during the rush hours as opposed to eliminating the entire run.

For the last few years, Gov. King has been urging everyone to use public transportation. If the MBTA cuts service during the times when everyone needs it, then someone is contradicting oneself.

Meanwhile, the Town of Arlington has decided not to support the MBTA's

subway extension service to the town. Could these cuts, along with the cuts to bus service that have already been made, be the MBTA's way of punishing the residents of Arlington?

Very truly yours
A 700 Commuter

Youth Center

TO THE EDITOR:

Arlington Youth Consultation Center is a highly valued affiliate of Simmons College School of Social Work and has been a training site for students for many years. Students and faculty have been greatly impressed by the excellent quality of service to the young people of Arlington and the total community, and by the many training opportunities so generously offered by the Center.

We were professionally concerned and personally saddened to learn that there is a real possibility that cuts in funding may result in the center having to close its doors or result in such drastic reduction in personnel that service and training would be sharply curtailed.

This school would lose one of its best training facilities and the Town of Arlington would lose an agency which has been a vital resource for young people.

We hope that ways will be found to maintain a level of funding which will permit the Center to continue to be in the forefront in serving the Arlington community.

Sincerely yours,
Diana Waldfoegel, Dean
James M. McCracken Jr.
Director of Field Work

Child Danger

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I worked on a school fundraising project which involved calling the homes of a large number of students in our area and I ran into a situation that seems to be on a rapidly and frightening rise in our fast-moving society—children left alone while parents are working—children from 7 years old and up.

I realize that we have many one-parent families and even in two-parent family situations it is necessary for the parents to work, but the first concern should be for the children that are left alone at such an early age, even as late as 8 and 9 p.m.

These children let themselves in after school and take care of themselves and each other until their parent(s) comes home. So far maybe they've been lucky and nothing bad has happened, but it could at any time.

Parents, times are hard for all of us, but stop for a minute and think about what could happen—is a few extra dollars really worth your children's safety?

If it's necessary that you can't be home, arrange for some type of sitter. Your child's safety is more important than any job in the world.

A Concerned Mother

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Man About Town

The Town Manager's ears must have been burning Tuesday night. Though absent, he was verbally assaulted by angry School Committee members and others because of his comments about Arlington High School vandalism which were reported in The Advocate last week.

And just like the ancient Greeks who killed the messengers bearing bad news, The Advocate came in for its share too. Of course, no one mentioned the school news in the paper each week, particularly sports, just the negative vandalism coverage.

The anger of some of the speakers was understandable because the manager is a member of the Permanent Building Committee which oversees public construction in town. It has been said for some time that questions were raised about some of the building materials, types of glass, and designs incorporated in the new school, but the building committee and architect went ahead their way. If there are problems now, it would seem that they are responsible for those decisions.

If the distress exhibited at the School Committee meeting can be channeled constructively, the whole incident should prove fruitful for the high school community. If the teachers and students start caring more about the school, if peer pressure gets channeled in a more positive direction, if parents care enough to get involved, morale and attitudes at the school should improve, and with that there may be more pride in and care of the building. Everyone agrees the real vandalism is done by just a few students — it is time for them to be put on notice that their school community will not tolerate that behavior any longer.

The recent weatherization workshops sponsored by the Cambridge-Somerville Economic Opportunity Committee were so successful that two more have been scheduled.

On Thursday nights Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 residents are invited to programs at 7:30 at the Town Hall to learn how to use caulking, weatherstripping, plastic sheathing and insulation. Water-saving nozzles and aerators for faucets will also be shown. Residents whose incomes qualify have already been notified by mail of the programs and are eligible for free weatherization kits which will be given out at the workshops.

Today is the deadline for people to take out papers to run for town office. There is a lack of candidates for Town Meeting. This body of government is so important and this year has so many spending decisions to make, that residents should take more interest. Most likely there will be few candidates, fewer voters, and loads of loudmouth complainers.

The patriotic flag-raising caught a lot of residents' attention. Some of the flag owners better check out their flags. The Advocate received a complaint about one fraternal group's flag which supposedly was all tangled, still at half-staff, at the beginning of this week.

An anonymous letterwriter has complained to Jack Donahue, Arlington's representative to Minuteman School Committee, and The Advocate about the conduct of students on the school bus. The writer says drugs are used and sold on the bus.

We called Supt. Ron Fitzgerald about the letter. He said he was not aware of the problem, but would have it looked into. He said if there are problems the drivers can stop the bus and try to handle the situations. As a temporary measure one bus from another town was given a monitor because of a disciplinary problem which ended up with the suspension of students from the bus.

Sen. Sam Rotondi's going to be in trouble with the leadership, if he isn't already. He was quoted in an A.A. Michelson column as saying he was "disturbed and shocked" at the Governor's state-of-the-state message which did not address problems facing the state and attacked a Rotondi project.

The Governor referred to the civil service reforms being

developed by the special commission of which Rotondi is co-chairman. The commission is recommending legislation to change the veterans' preference to the 10 and 5 system used by all of the other states and federal government. Under this system, a disabled veteran would get an additional 10 points on an entering exam, and a regular veteran would get five points. Preference for promotional exams would be limited to two points.

Rotondi was surprised when the Governor said he could not condone "any attempt to deprive veterans of the rights which they earned through service to their country" since this is the first time the administration has gone public on the civil service reform and this state is unique in its veterans' preference.

Right now Massachusetts gives veterans absolute preference, making it tough for non-vets and women to get ahead. A veteran who passes the exam now goes to the top, ahead of the high-scorers, with disabled vets going ahead of the nondisabled. According to Rotondi, the Vietnam veterans, who are the primary group of veterans now trying to enter public service, do not support absolute preference.

Rotondi made the news on another matter recently. He was with Governor King when the release of \$19 million for residential mortgage loans was announced. This was the end of an effort begun in 1979 when Rotondi filed legislation to allow state pension funds to be invested in home mortgages in the state.

According to Rotondi, the law permits public employee pension funds to be invested in residential loans up to a maximum of 10 percent of the fund's assets. At present, the total assets of funds is \$2.5 billion; therefore, there is a potential for \$250 million in new mortgage money.

The lending institutions that will participate in the mortgage program are The Boston Five; Commonwealth Federal Savings and Loan; New England Merchants Bank; Malmart Mortgage Co.; Colonial Federal Savings and Loan; Merchants Co-operative; The Salem Five; BayBanks-Middlesex County; BayBanks-Norfolk County; and South Shore Bank.

Allosso Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Our family recently had to undergo the pain and sorrow of watching a loved one die of cancer. For his last two months, Joseph N. Allosso spent much of his time as a patient at Symmes Hospital.

We are eternally grateful for the fine care, warmth, love and support provided not only to the dying patient, but to all of us by the medical staff at Symmes, in particular Dr. Charrette, Dr. Sullivan, Karen Whitney, and the nurses on 2B and 2N.

Throughout his long ordeal, their compassion for the head of our family made his final weeks as comfortable and pleasant as they possibly could be.

All of these people deserve special recognition for the very special things they do which go way beyond their job descriptions.

Sincerely,

The Joseph N. Allosso Family

Appreciation

TO THE EDITOR:

The Arlington Public Assistance Office would like to express its appreciation to the following churches, and organizations for their generosity during the holiday season.

Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Arlington United Methodist Church, Church of Our Saviour, Elks LODGE OF

Arlington, First Baptist Church, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Parish, Pleasant Street Congregational, St. Camillus Church, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Eulalia Church, St. James Church, St. Jerome's Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Salvation Army, Trinity Baptist Church.

Special thanks is extended to the following individuals who coordinated the Christmas Adopt-a-Child Program in the churches.

Mary Leslie, Coordinating director, Mary Carey, Sue Culhane, Miriam Daley, Dot Finlayson, Helen Guiney, Dot Louder, Dawn Moore, Shirley Ramos, Mary Lou Snow, Lorraine Stevens, Patience Terry and Kathleen Williams.

In addition, we would like to acknowledge the contributions of time, money, fuel and food donated by other individuals during the holiday season.

Arlington can truly be proud of its caring individuals, churches and organizations who once again have put Thanksgiving and Christ into the holiday season.

God Bless you all,
Janice Marshall
Director
and staff

To The Editor

Disruption

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife and I have just returned from this evening's 7 p.m. showing of "Ordinary People" at the Capitol Theatre in Arlington.

The tense emotional drama of this film was spoiled during this screening by a group of approximately 30 junior high school age youths, most of whom were from Arlington, as evidenced by their school jackets.

These children talked among themselves throughout the movie, ran noisily through the aisles, and, at several points, members of the group left the theater and came to the outside of the exit doors at the front of the theater, from where they pounded loudly on the doors and yelled obscenities to their giggling friends still inside.

Upon complaining to the theater staff several times, with other members of the audience, we were told "the 7 p.m. show is always a bad one," "too bad you couldn't have come at a different time," and "if you paid a dollar more, we could afford ushers."

It is my strong feeling that no matter what the admission price, an audience is entitled to see a film uninterrupted by the conversations and foul language of a few members, whose actions, uncontrolled by the management, spoil the pleasure of a night at the movies.

I would also like to ask the owners of the theater how junior high school students, none of whom are old enough to drive to the theater, are allowed into an R-rated movie. The management claims that the admission price is insufficient to pay for ushers who could maintain order. What can their excuse be for admitting under-age children to an R-rated movie?

Sincerely,

Steven Dawson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arthur Viano of the theater agrees that his staff did not respond well to the complainants Friday night. He says that at least two adults are at the theater at nights in order to provide supervision.

Youths who cause problems can be ejected. No youths who are carrying liquor are allowed into the theater, and on this particular night eight or 10 youths who had caused problems in the past were not allowed to come into the theater.

As for the movie rating, "Ordinary People" is rated PG, not R. However, Viano explains that the ratings serve as parental guides only and are not a basis on which a theater could refuse admission to a juvenile.

Water Break

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to Lt. Philip F. Canniff, Civil Defense Director.

On Friday evening, Jan. 23, 1981, at approximately 5 p.m. a 10-inch cast iron water main blew out at 1370 Massachusetts ave. The Water Division responded and worked until 2 a.m. Saturday morning to restore this main to service.

The Civil Defense Auxiliary Lighting Unit supplied two men and their lighting truck to insure proper illumination for the work site and for public safety (both pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic).

We consider this service which your civil defense unit supplied invaluable to our water emergency response program. The men who volunteered their time to this lighting service should be commended for their contribution to town service.

Thank you,
Richard H. Bowler
Director of Public Works

Resignation

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter has been sent to the Arlington Town Clerk.

It is with deep regret that I am forced to resign my position as a Town Meeting member in Prec. 9.

I have enjoyed participating in the truly democratic process which Town Meeting provides, but due to my moving to Lexington I can no longer participate in Arlington's governmental affairs.

It is with great anticipation that I shall be able to once again become an Arlington resident and return to the government process which so many cities do not have the opportunity to enjoy.

Sincerely Yours,
John F. Sisk

Gratitude

TO THE EDITOR:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the excellent care I received at Symmes Hospital by the nursing staff and physicians during my recent illness.

I wish to extend my appreciation to my many patients and friends for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

The phone calls, flowers, gifts, cards and well wishes were a welcome demonstration of their concern for my welfare.

They were appreciated by my family as well as myself and helped to spur me on to the excellent health that I am presently enjoying.

I am looking forward, with great anticipation, to resuming the practice of medicine on Feb. 2, 1981.

Sincerely,
William A. Dowd Jr., M.D.

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Just a note of thanks to the excellent Police Force we have in Arlington.

Our sincere gratitude to Officer Carlisle and Inspector Collins for their kindness as well as their personal consideration in our time of need.

Mary and Sal Abbadesse

Troop 368 Takes Trips

Boy Scout Troop 368, which meets at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings, has concluded a busy half-year of scouting activities.

While Scoutmaster Arnold Smith was recuperating from surgery, activities were conducted under the leadership of former Scoutmaster Ilmars Berzins, Asst. Scoutmasters John Vann, Jack Bowman, Dan O'Neill, and Junior Asst. Scoutmaster Brian Connor.

On Oct. 4 the Scouts hiked along Skyline Trail through the MDC Fells Reservation in Medford, Winchester and Stoneham.

Nov. 15 and 16 marked the annual overnight turkey trip at Camp Massasoit in Carver. A turkey dinner was cooked outdoors and scouts participated in boating and other outdoor events.

Scouts participating in this weekend were John Bowman, John Kenna, Curt Carlson, Steve Bowman, Mark Connor, David Keane, Steve Kenney, A. J. LoPrette, Tom MacAulay, Dan O'Neill, Mark Pichardo, Brian Rose, David O'Neill, Doug Roesette, Bill Erlandson, Jim Foley, Karl Odgren, Jay Vann, Carl Whitney, Brian Dunleavy, Scott Davis, John Berzins, John Galligan, Mike Smith and Rene Arnold.

Accompanying them were Junior Asst. Scoutmaster Brian Connor, Scoutmaster Arnold Smith and fathers Frank Keane, John Bowman, Dan O'Neill, Jerry Connor, "Buck" Kenney, Arnold Smith, Ilmars Berzins, John Vann and Frank MacAulay.

In December the troop members conducted a Christmas wreathmaking and sales campaign directed by Brian Connor. This proved to be a very successful fund-raiser mainly due to the enthusiastic cooperation of the scouts and the support of the local community.

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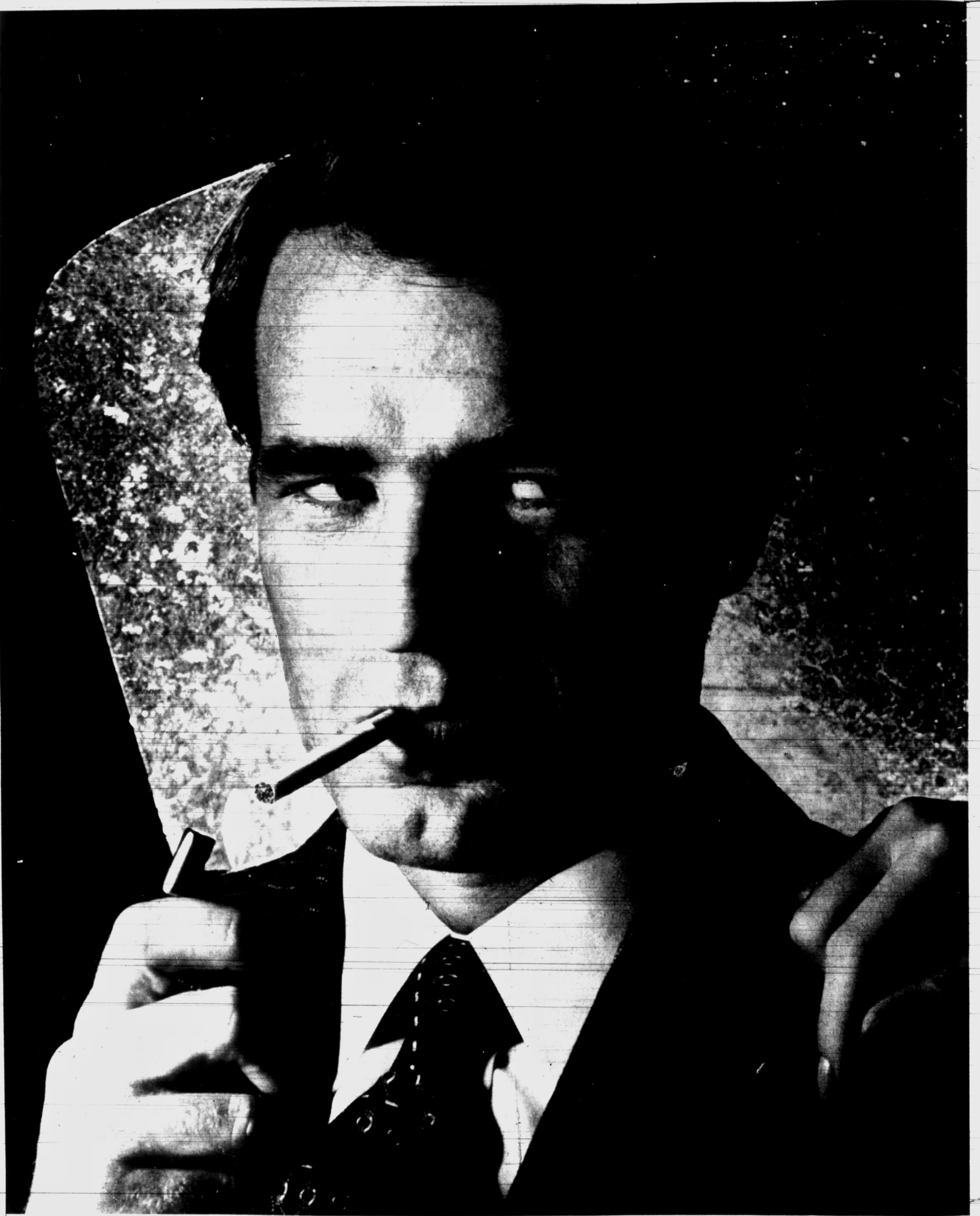
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